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SUBJECT: JOINT FUND RESEARCH PROJECTS

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1. WALICKI INFORMED EMBASSY EARLY DECEMBER 30 THAT TIME NOW SO SHORT THAT NONE OF THE PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE JOINT FUND OTHER THAN AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS, COULD BE OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED BY POLISH SIDE BEFORE JANUARY 1. HOWEVER, IN CONTRAST TO WHAT EMBASSY BELIEVES TO BE THE CASE, HE ALSO SAID THAT IF U.S. FUNDS ARE OBLIGATED DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF 1975, POLISH MATCHING FUNDS WOULD STILL BE AVAILABLE A FEW WEEKS LATER.

2. EMBOFFS CALLED ON CHOWANIEC DEC. 30 IN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY COMPLICATIONS WHICH HAVE ARISEN. CHOWANIEC WAS UN-AWARE THAT WALICKI HAD RECEIVED LISTS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS OTHER THAN AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS. HE THOUGHT THAT DELAY IN APPROVAL MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY FACT THAT SOME OF THE PROJECTS LISTED ARE ONGOING PROJECTS AND THEREFORE, IN HIS OPINION, INELIGIBLE FOR FINANCING UNDER THE JOINT FUND. HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO CALL WALICKI AND TO TRY TO GET SOME OF THE PROJECTS APPROVED BY DECEMBER 31. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY OF THE PROJECTS WIL BE APPROVED, BECAUSE BOTH CHOWANIEC AND WALICKI WANT TO HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE SPONSORING POLISH AGENCY. NO SUCH APPROVALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED YET, AND IT IS EXTREMELY UNCLASSIFIED

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UNLIKELY THAT ANY COULD BE OBTAINED ON DEC. 31. END COMMENT.

CHOWANIEC ALSO THOUGHT WALICKI WAS WRONG WHEN HE SAID THAT THE POLISH SIDE COULD MATCH U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS MADE AFTER JANUARY 1. POLISH MATCHING FUNDS WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL AFTER JUNE 30, HE SAID.

3. EMBOFFS THEN TOOK UP SUBJECT OF ONGOING VERSUS NOW PROJECTS. CHOWANIEC AGREED WITH OPINION EXPRESSED BY WALICKI AND REPORTED PARA 1 OF REF A. HE STATED FLATLY THAT GANLEY LETTER TO HIM OF OCTOBER 7 DOES NOT SUPPORT THE INTERPRETATION CONTAINED IN PARA 1 OF REF B WHICH EMBOFF SHOWED TO CHOWANIEC. HE SAID THAT ALL PROJECT AGREEMENTS SIGNED BEFORE OCT. 7 WERE FUNDED UNDER THE OLD RULES AND WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE JOINT FUND. IN NO CASE COULD A PROJECT RECEIVE FUNDS BOTH THROUGH THE OLD ARRANGEMENTS AND THROUGH THE NEW JOINT FUND ARRANGEMENTS. CHOWANIEC SAID THAT THE U.S. AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE DOLLARS 28 MILLION, THE EQUIVALENT OF 558 MILLION ZLOTYS, TO THE JOINT FUND BUDGET FOR THE FINANCING OF NEW PROJECTS, AND THAT ONGOING PROJECTS HAD CLEARLY BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THESE TOTALS.

4. EMBASSY WILL CHECK WITH WALICKI DEC. 31 AND CABLE RESULTS.DAVIES

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